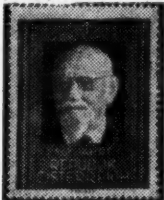


## BIG CONTEST AT HALFWAY POINT

### Commem And Airmail Envelope From Austria

Austria, on November 8, celebrated the 30th year as a republic with the issuance of a 1 schilling commemorative stamp. It bears the picture of Dr. Karl Renner first chancellor of the Republic in 1918, and now president since April 27, 1945.



President Renner, now 78 years old is one of the staunchest and most faithful of the Austrian patriots.

The stamp was recess printed in a dark blue color by the State Printing Works at Vienna. Designing and engraving both were the work of Prof. Ferdinand Lorber.

Report of the new issue was made by Edwin Mueller of the Mercury Stamp Co., of New York and by Merkur-Kurier, Innsbruck 1 Tyrol, Postfach 250, Austria, a stamp paper.

Mr. Mueller also reports the issuance on November 1 of a stamped airmail envelope by Austria. It is of the size used in Europe, 6 3/4 wide by 4 1/2 inches high, made of paper with a bluish cast. It bears the usual airmail markings around the edges, these in a deeper shade of the same color of the paper.

The imprinted stamp depicts a stylized four-motored plane in flight. Value of the stamp is 1 Schilling.

### Specialists In Hungary Name New Officers

Officers were recently elected for the fiscal year of the Hungaria Philatelic Society, the following being named to the various offices. President, Nicholas Laszlo; vice-president, Dr. Charles Foelty; treasurer, I. Steiner; secretary, Bela Bauer and recording secretary, A. Pollak.

This club is made up of collectors whose chief interests are of the stamps of Hungary and related material. Meetings are held each Friday night at 1351 Third Ave., at 77th St. in the Atlantic Exchange Bldg. Interested persons are quite welcome to attend any of the meetings.

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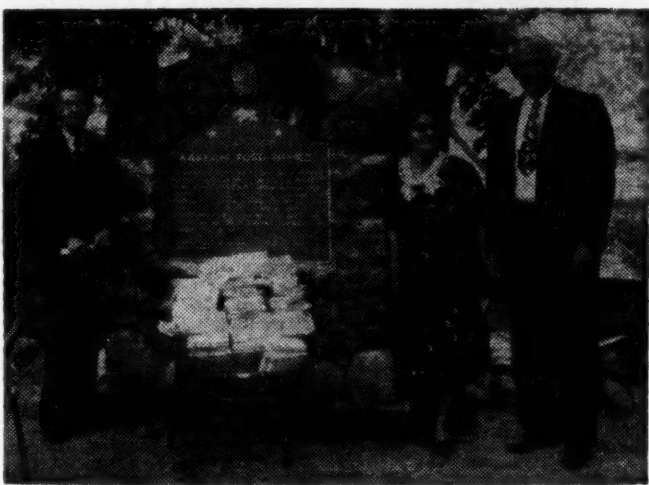
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### Puzzling Appearance Of A Camel And Rocket On Fort Bliss Stamp Backed With Interesting Stories

Among the many items depicted on the Fort Bliss Centennial stamp which had its first day of issue on November 5 at El Paso, Texas, the Rocket in Flight in the center of the triangle design, and the camel in the triangular border have provoked the most "whys". Most collectors are quite certain that the rocket and the camel tie in in some manner with the history of the fort, but not with the actual details.

As to the rocket, it is a tribute to the First Guided Missile Regiment, only one of its kind in the Army, and organized for work in connection with rocket development.

The regiment was activated May 31, 1948, at Ft. Bliss. It is an outgrowth of the 1st Anti-aircraft Artillery Guided Missile Battalion established at the post in October of 1945.

It is assigned to the 4th Army, with regimental headquarters at Bliss. Much of its work is carried on at White Sands Proving Ground. The regiment maintains liaison with Army Ordnance and the Navy in development and testing of rockets.

Personnel includes machinists, sheet metal workers, ground crews and instrumentation workers.

The commanding officer is Col. Guy H. Stubbs.

As to the camels - well - one summer day in 1857 soldiers at Fort Bliss looked toward the East and saw a strange sight - a procession of hump-backed animals that on closer inspection turned out to be camels.

Crowds of Lower Valley children and grownups trailed the camels up the Valley from San Elizario to Magoffinsville, where the military was then situated. The natives thought a circus was coming to town.

It was no circus. The camels constituted the U. S. Army's newest experiment - a Camel Corps to provide better transportation across the deserts of the West. The Camel Brigade, as it often was called, is one of the lesser known incidents of American history.

As early as 1836 an officer named Maj. George H. Crossman suggested use of camels in the American desert. In time another officer, Maj. Henry C. Wayne, sold Jefferson Davis, then a senator, (Continued On Page 15)

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### First Ten Pictures Reprinted In This Issue; Late Comers Have Opportunity To Make An Entry

Readers who neglected to make an entry in the big Philatelic Terms Contest are going to have the opportunity to figuratively "catch up" with the puzzle pictures which have been printed to date. For with this edition of Linn's, all ten of the previous pictures are reproduced along with a list of possible answers to each. This fact alone should spur many to make their entries at once.

Those who have become subscribers since the contest started are hereby given the opportunity of getting in on the ground floor inasmuch as the pictures they might have missed will appear. Now, with the inclusion of possible answers to the pictures they are practically at the same stage of advancement of the contest that the other contestants are.

A total of twenty pictures will be shown on the weekly contest page before the contest ends each of which illustrate or suggest a philatelic term. Some of the terms are of but a single word, others of two or three. Of the twenty pictures ten have been reproduced placing the Terms Contest at the halfway point.

A total of over 100 prizes in cash, stamps or philatelic supplies have been offered for the winning contestants. The cash, starting with a \$100.00 first prize, comes from Linn's Weekly Stamp News, while the merchandise prizes come from more than fifty of the leading dealers in the United States.

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### Noted Collectors Called By Death

The hand of death once again beckoned two well known collectors. Berthold Ehrenberg of Yonkers, N. Y. and Walter Lind of Guatemala were the two called.

Berthold Ehrenberg, of a very active philatelic family, died suddenly Nov. 3. He was an active member of the Collectors Club, the Masonic Stamp Club and the Essay-Proof Society. His wife, who survives him, is also active in the Collectors Club and the Women's Philatelic Society.

Walter Lind, of Guatemala City, was one of the greatest authorities on the stamps of his country, and wrote numerous articles for prominent publications here.

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the settlement of the colony in  
1647 has finally been received.  
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jects are as follows: 1/2d. or-  
ange, shows an infant welfare  
clinic; 1d. olive green, honors  
modern agriculture; 1 1/2d. ochre,  
shows sisal, (a native product);  
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workers; 2 1/2d. red-brown,  
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fishing fleet; 4d. black, shows  
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shows tuna fishing; 8d. purple,  
shows Paradise Beach; 10d.  
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1 shilling brown, shows yacht  
racing; 2 shilling mauve, shows  
water sports; 3 shilling, blue,  
shows shipbuilding; 5 shilling,  
violet, shows modern transpor-  
tation; 10 shilling, slate, shows  
modern salt production; 1  
pound, red-orange, shows par-  
liament buildings. On each  
stamp a full face portrait of  
George VI is in the upper left  
hand corner.

**HUNGARY:** A 30f. light blue has  
been issued in honor of Stamp  
Day. The stamp shows a dove  
bearing a letter flying over a  
globe. The stamps are printed  
in sheets of four.



**RUSSIA:** A seven value set in  
honor of the completion of the  
five-year-plan relative to the  
production of iron and heavy  
machinery in four years has  
been received. Denominations,  
colors and subjects are as fol-  
lows: 30k. dark violet, iron be-  
ing poured; 30k. purple, heavy  
cranes; 50k. yellow brown,  
shows iron being poured and  
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have been issued featuring a  
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and 50 lire orange. These are  
said to be scarce.



**BULGARIA:** We illustrate the  
design of two new postage val-  
ues just come to hand. The  
stamps are being printed on  
cream paper and bear the dates  
1898-1923. Denominations are:  
4ab. blue; and 16ab. lake.

**DENMARK:** The 25 ore brown,  
in the new design had its first  
day October 21.

**ECUADOR:** The Roosevelt sets  
have finally been received.  
There are 5 postage values viz.  
10, 20, 30, 40, and 1 sucre. The  
airmails consist of 60; 1 sucre;  
1 sucre 50; 2 sucre; and 5 sucre.  
The stamps portray the Four  
Freedoms and bear a profile of  
President Roosevelt in the up-  
per left hand corner. All values  
are in two colors.

**FINLAND:** A 12 mark indigo was  
issued to commemorate the  
400th anniversary of the trans-  
lation of the Bible into Finnish.  
The stamp pictures a monk and  
bears the dates: 1548-1948.



**GERMANY, RHEIN-PHALZ:** A  
two value charity set has been  
issued. These are a 20 plus 30  
pfg. red-purple, showing St.  
Martin an da 30 plus 50 pfg.  
showing St. Joseph.

**LUXEMBOURG:** A set of chari-  
ties to aid the Welfare Fund  
were scheduled for November  
15. The stamps are to show a  
portrait of Edmond de la Fon-  
taine, who wrote and composed  
under the name de plume:  
"Dix".



**MADAGASCAR:** The 100 franc  
airmail of 1946 Scott's No. C52  
in brown and carmine, has been  
overprinted in carmine "Tere  
Adelle Dumont d'urville 1840".

**MONACO:** A twelve value set to  
appear in mid-November is to  
honor the Centenary of the  
birth of Prince Albert the Wise,  
who died in 1922.

**RUSSIA:** The 100th anniversary  
of the death of Khachatur Abo-  
vian has been marked by two  
commemorative stamps bear-  
ing his portrait. Denominations  
are 40k. purple and 50k. green.

**SAAR:** A four value charity set  
for Flood Relief has been re-  
ceived. Denominations are: 5fr.  
plus 5fr., showing a derrick, in  
green; 6fr. plus 4fr., showing a  
flooded city street, in purple;  
12fr. plus 8fr. showing another  
flooded street, in red-brown;  
18fr. plus 12fr. showing a flood-

ed area in blue. There is also  
a 25fr. plus 25fr. airmail, in  
sepia, showing an airplane fly-



ing over a flooded landscape.  
The airmail appears in a small  
miniature sheet and the four  
postage values are issued in an  
imperfect miniature sheet.

**YUGOSLAVIA:** Two new Red  
Cross stamps have been re-  
ceived, bearing a picture of a  
Red Cross nurse. Both are of  
50da. denomination. One is  
blue and red, and the other is  
green and red; the latter bears  
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attendees will have the time of  
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they are to be heckled by a mys-  
terious phantom, have an auction,  
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prizes and also elect the new offi-  
cers for the coming year.

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meeting be reinstated into the So-  
ciety of Philatelic Americans.  
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ing member of the club.

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# CHECKING THROUGH OUR 1948 COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

by H. M. Brehm

By the end of 1948 we will have issued 29 separate and distinctive United States commemorative postage stamps—an average of about one stamp every 12 days for the year. It has had our Postmaster General and his department in a year-long dither, and the designers at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing almost crazy. But 1948 is a very important year for the politicians. It is national election year, not only for a president, but also for many senators and congressman—and thereby seems to hang most of this tale. TIME magazine has referred to it as our "stamp-happy" 80th Congress, and the appellation seems to fit.

Bear in mind that every U. S. postage stamp must be authorized by an act of congress and must receive the president's signature to complete it into an active measure. So here we have 29 acts passed by a REPUBLICAN congress and signed into action by a DEMOCRATIC president. We hoped to gain the "mostest" by these stamps? As to where and how, let us "look at the record" as Al Smith, the Happy Warrior, did so many times.

**THE REAL COMMEMORATIVES**  
Even a cursory look-see and analysis can separate the wheat from the chaff and indicate the few stamps that would have been issued in any case, this year:

**WISCONSIN CENTENARY**—It really became the 30th State in the Union 100 years ago—1848.

**WOMAN'S PROGRESS**—The old girls really held their first convention for woman's rights and suffrage in 1848.

**NEW YORK GOLDEN JUBILEE**—It really consolidated its 5 boroughs into one Greater New York City in 1898.

**ROUGH RIDERS**—They really organized and fought at Santiago in Cuba just 50 years ago—1898.

**GETTYSBURG ADDRESS**—Not a centennial, but delivered by Lincoln exactly 85 years ago—a handy little item for 1948, and incidentally a beautiful postage stamp.

**JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS**—This gentleman and beloved author was really born in 1848.

## THE OTHER 23

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER**—wizard of agriculture, born 1864, died 1943. No anniversary, but as Roosevelt had his Booker T. Washington stamp in 1936, another stamp to the American negro was deemed necessary in 1948.

**CALIFORNIA GOLD**—This state will merit a statehood stamp in 1950, but politics could not wait. This stamp was a quickie, issued on very short notice.

**MISSISSIPPI**—They missed the boat for a statehood stamp in 1942, but luckily remembered their territorial bi-centennial in 1948.

**THE FOUR CHAPLAINS**—Their noble deeds and deaths occurred in 1943, but not until 1948 was it recalled that they were variously of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith—as are millions of American voters.

**SWEDISH CENTENARY**—President Truman originally vetoed this stamp as unnecessary, until he was invited to speak at their Chicago celebration. Another quickie stamp.

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**FRANCIS SCOTT KEY**—He was born in 1779—died in 1843—wrote the Star Spangled Banner in 1814, which was adopted as the national anthem in 1931. Inquiry as to the purpose of this stamp elicited the vague information that it was in connection with the unveiling of a statue to him somewhere.

**NATIONAL YOUTH MONTH**—A pretty stamp in salute to our youngsters, but issued to give momentum to a nationwide move to curb juvenile delinquency, sponsored by the Attorney General and fostered by a giant movie-house chain.

**OREGON TERRITORY CENTENNIAL**—This is a duplicate of the stamp issued during the election year of 1936. Again inquiry brought the information that the previous stamp had commemorated 100 years for the first missionaries, and the current stamp celebrated 100 years as a territory.

**PALOMAR MOUNTAIN OBSERVATORY**—Probably the finest stamp of the year, and honoring a great project, although few undertakings are so honored—soon. Hardly a necessary commemorative, but many voters in the land are scientists, proud of this achievement.

**CLARA BARTON, Red Cross founder—GOLD STAR MOTHERS—JULIETTE LOW, Girl Scout organizer—MOINA MICHAEL, the original Poppy Lady**—These four stamps are definitely bait for women's votes, which they say were able to decide this year's election, but definitely.

**POULTRY CENTENNIAL**—Were there no chickens before 1848—or do roosters vote?

**VOLUNTEER FIREMENS TERCENTENARY**—Who put out the fires before 1848? We thought they were all volunteers then.

**FORT KEARNY CENTENARY**—Was it really first established in 1848? Records are dim—even as to the original spelling—was it Kearny or Kearney? But Nebraska deserved a stamp, no matter how she voted.

**FORT BLISS CENTENARY**—A great military establishment, even as of today. But not its centennial, because it was apparently founded in 1846, 102 years ago. Handy stamp, though, for 1948; many army and civilian voters in the big state of Texas.

**FIVE CIVILIZED INDIAN TRIBES**—Supposed to commemorate the passage of a century since the infamous "Trail of Tears", which marked a ten-year trek of these peaceful tribes Westward, after congress had kicked them clear across the Mississippi river into the new and uninhabited Indian Territory. But even an Indian is presumed to forgive and forget and worship his ancestors after 100 years—and vote right.

**TURNER SOCIETY CENTENARY**—Probably a small group of these sturdy men did first organize in 1848, but records show that they really went to bat 1860 to 1865, when they filled Lincoln's Federal army with able-bodied, loyal men, and acted as his personal bodyguards in and around Washington during the Civil war.

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## Crawford Medal To Spanish Author

The council of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, England has awarded the Crawford Medal to Sr. Arturo Nicolau, Spanish author-collector who has just completed the second volume of his "Guia Del Coleccionista De Sellos De Correos De Espana, 1855-69".

Awarded by the council of the Royal Philatelic Society after a two year review of philatelic works, it is given to the one having outstanding merit. The Crawford Medal was named in honor of the late president of the Royal, the Earl of Crawford.

This is the first time that a collector of Spanish origin has received such a high award. The first volume of the "Guia" dealing with the issues of Spain from 1850 to 1854 was begun in 1936 and completed in 1940. Stamps of the period from 1855 to 1869 were treated in the second volume which was completed in September of this year.

The various stamp societies of Spain have accorded Sr. Nicolau many honors. No later than June of this year, the presidents of all the stamp societies in Spain presented a parchment to Sr. Nicolau bearing their signatures and which acclaimed him the most prominent philatelist of that country.

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Cost of the present edition is \$3.00 which includes a membership in the Congress. Previous editions of the Congress book are still obtainable at varying prices. Requests for the present edition or those of the past can be directed to W. R. McCoy, Hotel Warwick, New York 19, N. Y.

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## Stamp Collecting Is Fun

We lift the above line from the tail end of an editorial in the November 10 issue of The Stamp Wholesaler. We do not credit this paper with coining the words for their but reading this editorial



GEO. LINN

our hobby to the public. That is of course a logical idea but I believe there is an easier way and that is to sell our hobby to the thousands of new collectors who become part of us each year. Just what there is that interests such a large group of new people each year, we do not know, but we do know that every year there are thousands of new names and faces all associated with human beings, that pop up in stamp circles. It is to the discredit of our hobby that such an enormous percentage of these people, after once attracted, lose interest and drop by the wayside within the first year or two. Here we have a ready made group that have expressed and shown an interest in stamps, yet we lose probably 80 to 90% of them after a year or two. There must be some reason for this loss and if we can discover that reason and save at least 50% of these new prospects each year we will soon have so many collectors that circulation for stamp papers will double and business will boom.

Let us look at the record. Most people start collecting for fun. If we could keep them in that frame of mind we believe they would stay with the hobby longer and if we could have group meetings (clubs) with that idea behind their meetings it would help this type of collector, but there are no such groups or clubs. We have personally known numerous wealthy men who started stamp collecting for a recreation or for something to do to get their mind off of business problems. These men sometime or other got in touch with some of the advanced and rabid style of collectors. They were unable to talk with this type of collector for the simple reason that they did not want to worry about hair lines, shifts, double transfers and all the truck that the elite dote about, they wanted to collect for fun, for relaxation. They did not want to make a job out of the hobby and as a result they soon became discouraged and disgusted and eventually gave up the hobby. Then there is the man of small means who collects for fun, he can not afford to go into the field of shifts, hair lines and double transfers so he has little or no interest in the kind of stuff that is talked about at the local club and after a trial membership or a visit at their meeting he drops the desire to become a club member and rambles along by himself as best he can.

Let us examine a city. Take Cleveland, Ohio. A city of around a million population. It has one outstanding club with a membership list of a few hundred, yet its meetings are regularly attended by an average of 30 to 40 collectors. Why is this? To our mind the best reason for this small attendance is that the meetings lack interest for the man who collects for fun.

But how about stamp collectors in Cleveland. There must be five or ten thousand people in Cleveland who are in some way interested in stamps. When the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club has its big parties in the late fall, hundreds of collectors attend. Why can there not be some definite plan for these collectors all through the year.

Our own publication has purposely refrained from printing much in the way of specialized articles on any subject for the simple reason that we know that not one collector in 100 would be interested in the article, no matter on what subject. Thus we have tried to print material that would interest the large majority of our readers.

We are firmly of the belief that stamp collecting would flourish best, gain new recruits and bring more joy to most of its followers if we could promote it more thoroughly with the idea that "stamp collecting is fun." We believe that most who get interested are attracted from that angle and if we carry on with that idea we will have more fun for everyone.

Why should the average collector think of his collection in any other manner? Many spend a lot of money for fishing tackle, for golf fees, clubs and balls, and then go out and lose the balls. Do they expect to get their money back from these pleasures? Then why think of getting your money back from the pleasure you get from stamps. You go to a theatre for pleasure and you never think of getting your money back.

However stamps do have many advantages over most other forms of amusement. You can spend your money for stamps and enjoy them day after day, year after year (eat your cake and have it too) for you still have them with you and in the end you do get something back and that is not true of any other form of amusement. Look at it that way and you will get far more pleasure from stamp collecting, than you can get for the same money spent in any other way.

## We Had A New Picture Taken

So many of our readers have been complaining about the picture of your editor that graces or disgraces this column that we have finally gotten around to having a new picture taken.

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Only recently I received notice from one of the Dealers supplying me with one cover each Issue that my account had dwindled to a few cents. But having made a deposit of several dollars only a few weeks previously, I was positive an Error had occurred. I wrote the dealer about it not once but twice. He absolutely did not answer but after my second letter after missing 3 or 4 issues and having discovered his error he suddenly started mailing out covers again. In the meantime I had bought Envelopes and serviced my own. Thus I have no covers for 3 or 4 issues and Duplicates of nearly as many.

Yet all this could be avoided by ordinary business methods such as sending his customers an itemized statement from time to time.

I have one dealer who serviced my Artcraft Covers now for almost 5 years and there never has been a hitch. He issues statements from time to time fully itemized and I know at a glance when my deposit runs out.

This I know entails extra work but it has paid off for this dealer for I am still one of his satisfied customers and not only is he supplying my regular cover each issue but from time to time have ordered extra copies for friends. There has NEVER been thruout our dealing together a time when there has been a question in my mind as to where my account stood with this dealer.

I think the whole difficulty lies in the failure of the cover dealer to give an account of his stewardship.

Well thanks for listening to me. Sincerely yours, F. C. Hildebrandt

## Firm's 1949 Wholesale List Ready For Trade

Members of the trade will be pleased to learn that the Part One, 1949 Wholesale Price List of J. & H. Stolow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 19 is now available.

Unlike some previous editions of the list, this one is to be published in two sections. The present one offers stamps from countries between the alphabetical limits of Abyssinia to French West Africa.

Most of the offerings are in mint sets; some can be obtained in single units while others are sold per three, five etc. It appears that most of the material offered is of the popular type, such as airmails, commemoratives and semi-postals.

Interested dealers can make an application for the list to the Stolow firm on their letterheads.

## Miami Stamp Club Offers 20th Anniversary Cachet

The Miami Stamp Club, Miami, Florida is sponsoring a cachet for the 20th Anniversary of Eastern Air Lines' first airmail flight on C. A. M. 25 from Miami to Jacksonville to Atlanta on December 1, 1928.

Collectors wishing to receive this cachet may send self addressed and stamped covers, not exceeding ten to a person, to The Miami Stamp Club, P. O. Box 3550, Miami, 22, Florida.

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## Many Countries Are Ready New Issues

A summarized round-up of the news of new issues has been prepared by Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England from the reports received from their correspondents in all corners of the world. The firm is well known as importers and dealers in stamps, and as philatelic publishers. They are the publishers of the Whitfield King standard postage stamp catalog of the world.

**BERMUDA.** The Crown Agents announce that this Colony is to issue a set of three stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the Perot stamps issued in 1848. The design includes a facsimile of the original stamp. Denominations and colours:—2 1/2d. blue & brown, 3d. black & blue, 6d. violet & green.

**BURMA.** Rumors are current, that a permanent issue, both Ordinary Postage and Service, is expected to appear in January 1949.

**CEYLON.** An issue is being prepared to commemorate Independence Day, February 4th 1948. The designs, 4 and 15 cents, Lion Flag of the Dominion; 5 and 25 cents, portrait of the Prime Minister of Ceylon; 15 and 25 cents, to be printed on special paper watermarked with a lotus flower design and the Sinhalese letter Sri.

**COLOMBIA.** The following stamps are to be issued in the near future:—

5c., commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the National Agricultural Society.

4c., portrait of mathematician Julio Garavito-Armas.

20c., to commemorate the founding of the Society of Engineers, showing coat of arms of the Society and of Colombia.

40c., Carlos Martinez Silva, author and diplomat.

1 peso, Atlansio Girardot, Independence leader.

**FRANCE.** The 10 francs Marianne has appeared in a slightly duller shade and the printing appears to be a little coarser. An 8 francs value, turquoise, has also been issued in this set.

**NETHERLANDS.** 2 1/2, 7 1/2, 12 1/2, 22 1/2 cents stamps to be withdrawn and a new 12 cents Hartz type to be issued shortly. The Child Welfare set to be issued on November 15th will consist of the following denominations:—2 plus 2, 5 plus 3, 6 plus 4, 10 plus 5 and 20 plus 8, and will depict children at play.

**NORWAY.** The 1945 Red Cross stamps of 20 plus 10 ore are to be overprinted in black "25 plus 5 ore" and re-issued on December 1st. The sur-tax will be, as before, for the benefit of Red Cross Relief Work.

**PAKISTAN.** A correspondent writes that this country will issue a set of four values in memory of the "Father of the Nation" Quaid-i-Azam. Values not yet known.

**SOUTH AFRICA.** Postage Due stamps of 1d. and 3d. denominations have been issued in the original large size. The figures "1" and "3" are somewhat smaller and are followed by a small "d", not, as in the old one, capital "D".

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## OHIO TOWNS

Four new Ohio towns have been authorized to use precancels during the past few months. Graytown, East Orwell, Blue Ash and Milledgeville. The last named has been reported on a 1c Presidential in U-121 type. Milledgeville is some few miles west of Washington Court House. A very small place. The P. O. is in a store as is the custom in a lot of fourth class offices.

Graytown is east of Toledo. Blue Ash is just north of Cincinnati and East Orwell is just as its name implies east of Orwell and Orwell is possibly 25 or 30 miles east of Cleveland. None of the last three towns have been reported and your editor would like to hear from any collector who has obtained any precancels from these places.

## GOOKS

A term coined by precancel collectors and applies to those freak printed and otherwise odd Bureau Prints. Breaks, repaired and the like came under this classification too.

We always thought that this was very much overplayed and you seldom hear any more about them now. True there are a few who follow the breaks and repairing of Bureau plates but they are few because it takes a lot of time and money and patience to keep up on the subject.

There was a specialized catalog released at one time listing a lot of this material but none has been issued for some time now. It was my contention that there was as much material to be listed as was listed.

If you want to supplement your U. S. collection there is nothing better than a nice Bureau Print collection to round out things but leave the fly specks to the specialists.

Group Will Specialize  
In Guatemala Issues

During the Stampex, national exhibition of the Essex Stamp Club of Newark, N. J., held October 15 to 17, a group of collectors organized to form the International Society of Guatemala Collectors. It is the intention of the members to supplement existing groups studying the stamps of that country and also to promote studies of their own.

The club contains such outstanding specialists of Guatemalan philately as K. J. Weiss, New Jersey, J. G. Freiburghaus of Switzerland, Reuel Smith, Maine, Walter Lind of Guatemala, probably the world's leading authority on Guatemalan philately, Leon Bilak and W. G. Walker also of that country, Joseph Mandos, Philadelphia and Harry P. Edwards of Boston.

A society bulletin, "El Quetzal" will carry articles on all phases of Guatemalan philately, present intentions call for the publishing of it monthly. Secretary pro tempore, is Harry P. Edwards, 68 Devonshire St., Boston 9, Mass. Mr. Edwards will be happy to answer inquiries of interested persons whether in English, Spanish, French or German provided the requests are typed.

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and a 5c blue depicting Marti being carried in a row boat back to the Cuban shores.

Born in 1853 at Havana, his liberal tendencies were expressed early in written form. By the time he was sixteen years of age, he had been banished by the Spaniards from the country to Spain. In Spain he studied at the University of Saragossa where he received degrees in law, philosophy and letters.

He never gave up his long range goal of freeing his country from the domination of Spain, and directed most of his writings and efforts to this effect.

With the assistance of Gomez and other liberal leaders, he incited and organized the revolution of 1895. In keeping with his plans, the Cubans arose in revolt on February 24, 1895. On April 10, Marti and Gomez landed at Sabana la Mar, near Baracoa, to join the fray. Marti was made a Major-General of the revolutionary forces at once.

On May 19, the Cuban army was surprised by a Spanish column at Dos Rios, and in the ensuing skirmish, Marti was killed.

A cover and a set of the stamps was received from Dr. Ernesto Bello of Havana, Cuba.

## COMING AUCTIONS

Nov. 22-24—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W 42nd St., New York 18. Europe, Latin America, General and Literature.

Nov. 23—Franklin Stamp Co., 111 Leverich St., Hempstead, N. Y. United States mint and used, revenues and officials.

Nov. 22-24—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. U. S., Newfoundland and General

November 26-27—Zenith Stamp Co., 96 Nassau St., New York 7. U. S. Foreign Airm, Min. Sheets.

Nov. 26, 27—Lambert W. Gerber, 656 E. Broad St., Tampa, Fla. United States and British Empire.

Nov. 30—Leonard T. Salmon, Inc., 116 Nassau St., New York 7. N. Y. United States mint, used, and Wholesale.

Dec. 3—J. N. Sissons, 204 Glenrose Ave., Toronto 5, Canada. Canada and the Provinces exclusively.

Dec. 3—Olmstead Galleries, 116 Nassau St., New York 7. U. S. Covers, Proofs, Foreign and Wholesale.

Dec. 4—Ralph Orton, 116 Nassau St., New York 7. U. S. 19th and 20th Cent. Wholesale and Franks.

Dec. 6—Ace Stamp Co., 1845 E. Ninth St., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Russia from 31 on, and general.

Dec. 6-8—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. "Charms" & Whelen's find of St. Louis Bears on entire.

Dec. 7—Equitable Stamp Co., 505 Fifth Ave., New York 7. British Empire, Foreign and Wholesale.

Dec. 7—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, 504 Finance Bldg., Philadelphia 2. U. S. Foreign and rarities.

Dec. 7—Munson Wallace, 208 E. Broadway, Glendale 5, Calif. Britain, Belgium, Netherlands, France and their Colonies.

Dec. 9—Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 804 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio. U. S. mint, used and Foreign.

Dec. 10—Alcurel & Meyer Co., Box 1013, Coral Gables, Fla. United States and Foreign.

Dec. 10—John Baller & Co., 111 W. 46th St., New York 19. U. S. Plate Bks., Foreign, Wholesale.

Dec. 13—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. St. Louis Postmaster stamps on cover.

Dec. 16—Michael M. Karen, 1235 Morris Ave., New York 56, N. Y. United States and Possessions.

Dec. 14-16—Billig & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 18. U. S. Br. Emp., Airm, Foreign and Literature.

Dec. 17, 18—Carl E. Felander, 545 Fifth Ave., New York 17. United States and General Foreign.

Dec. 18—Fred Howard, 1850 San Jacinto St., Los Angeles 26, Calif. British Colonies mint and used.

## Exhibition Dates

Nov. 19-21—Mound City Stamp Club, DeSota Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Chmn. W. R. Oberhauser, Rm. 206, 706 Chestnut St., St. Louis 1, Mo.

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Nov. 20, 21—Rubber City Stamp Club, Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.

Nov. 27, 28—Decatur Stamp & Coin Club, Decatur Club Bldg., Decatur, Illinois.

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The Shreveporters meet the first and third Thursdays at the Washington-Youree Hotel in the Chamber of Commerce Directors Rooms. There is generally a lot of activity at the meetings in the way of entertainment, including SPA sales circuit books. The club is branch chapter 98 of the SPA.

Collectors and other visitors are always welcome to attend the meetings, and should take advantage of the opportunity of always enjoying a big philatelic evening.

Danish Publisher  
Produces Catalog

An impressive catalog which lists the countries of the European area has been prepared by the firm of Aarhus Frimaerkehandel, Bruunsgade 33, Aarhus, Denmark. Title of the publication is "AFA Frimaerkeatalog—1949".

As might be suspected, the stamps of Denmark are given a specialized treatment. This includes explanatory illustrations of plate and other varieties. The Danish colonies of Greenland and the West Indies receive the same attention as the mother country.

The cataloger has chosen carefully the countries which are represented. These are of Europe proper only, whether they are part of the British Empire or other nations. The Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Arctic and Russia (included) form the considered boundaries of the listed nations.

A total of 700 pages of a fair grade of paper are filled with approximately 8000 illustrations. Covers are of heavy paper. Language is Danish, and the evaluations are in ore and krone. In spite of this fact, it appears as if the catalog would be an easily used one, not apt to cause confusion to one not understanding the language.

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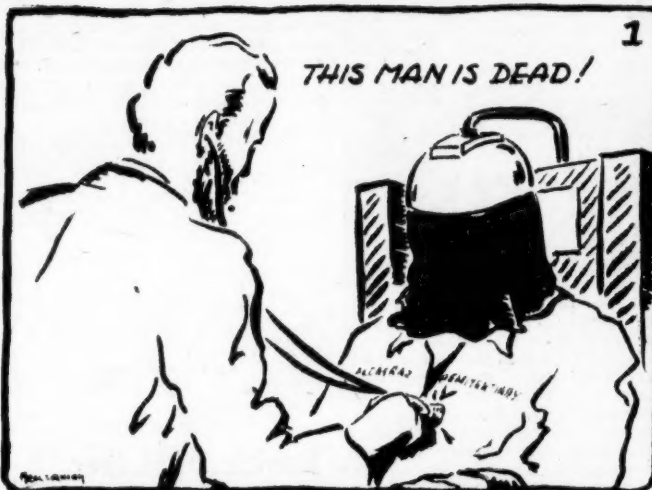
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The officers of one of the most active Junior clubs in the south, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Stamp Club, are shown just after their recent election. The boys all hail from in or near Corinth, Miss., the home town of the club. In the front row are Rodney Farris, treasurer and Dannie N. Felkner, secretary; in the back are Lee R. Surratt, vice-president and William P. Timlake, president. The club is a branch of the SPA, and an affiliate of the Dixiana Stampers. These young men made a very commendable decision when Linn's was chosen as the official stamp publication of their club.

## AMG - GERMANY POSTAL STATIONERY 1945

by Ned Rosenberg

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U. S. issue printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Lithographed, perf 11, on thick paper.

Designer William A. Roach, Engraver Richard H. Helmuth.

Total amount ordered of all values 581,300,000 of this only 294,060,000 had been delivered as of August 1945 when the balance was delivered, the department does not state.

The Washington issue consists of nine values: 3pf. purple, 4pf. grey, 5pf. green, 6pf. yellow, 8pf. orange, 10pf. brown, 12pf. purple, 15pf. red, and 25pf. blue.

These stamps were issued March 31, 1945 in Germany but were not available at all post offices in the U. S. and British zones immediately as it took a while for the distribution. During the period when the stamps were not available in my opinion is the most interesting period as the different types of stampless covers appeared.

The phrase GEBUHR BEZAHLT (postage paid) appeared in small capitals and large framed and unframed two lines and single line. This phrase evidently applied with rubber stamp appears in black red, purple with the blue and green the rarer shades occasionally written in by hand abbreviated Geb. Bez.

The values are not always distinguishable as the clerk was apparently in a hurry and the value is carelessly scribbled. Some of the machine cancels with the Gebuhr Bezahlt are left overs from the inflation days of 1923 when postal rates climbed so rapidly that stamps could not be issued. Many of these cancels were later used for parcel post exclusively.

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parently been destroyed and the phrase in small letters applied with a rubber stamp. The town of Glauchau, which for a short period was under the U. S. administration, overprinted the Hitler



stamps, Kreis Glauchau, and value in 3 lines, while the entire issue up to the 80pf. was thus overprinted I do not believe there was an actual use for all of the values at that time, some of the official stamps of Germany were overprinted in the same manner but it is doubtful if they were ever legitimately used.

The Glauchau stamps were valid from June 15 to August 4, 1945 when this town was ceded to the Russian Administration and the stamps were no longer valid. The Washington printing was valid to Oct. 31, 1946. Postage rates: Letters: locally up to 20 grams 8pf. out of city 12pf.

20 to 250 grams 16pf. local out of city 24pf.

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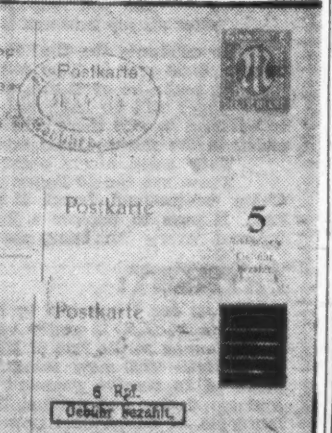
Printed matter: to 20 grams 3pf. 50 to 100 grams 8pf. 100 to 250 grams 15pf. 250 to 500 grams 30pf. Registry 30pf.

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These rates were all doubled after March 1, 1946

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Bottom: Blackout Type, Karlsruhe, American Zone

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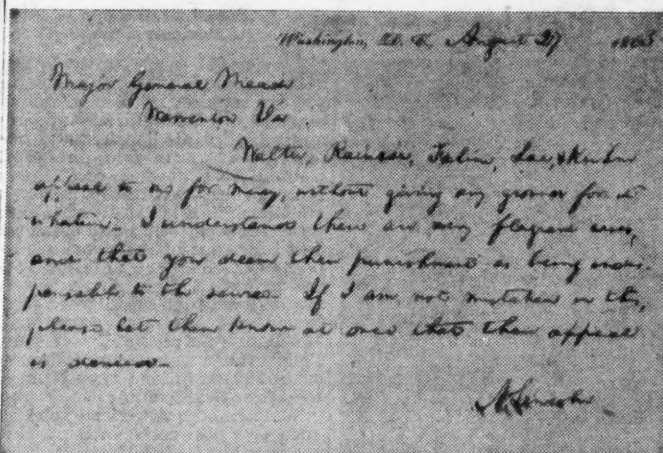
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The letter, shown above, is a private telegraph message covering six lines, all in Lincoln's handwriting, dated August 27th, 1863, and was the death knell to this miserable business.

The original of this historical document, now in the collection of Alden S. Condict, of One East 42nd Street, New York City, is addressed to Major General Meade, the hero of Gettysburg. This is a most extraordinary letter—sending five men, all at one time, to be shot as traitors.

It is a rare opposite to the usual pardoning proclivities of the Great Emancipator.

Scarcely ever does Lincoln absolutely decline to remit sentences—at least to some degree, so as we carefully read these words so magnificently put together, so couched in language definitely seeking the light and the straight road to justice—we

of victory.

Here is a copy of the letter:

Washington, D. C.  
August 27, 1863

Major General Meade  
Warrenton, Va.  
Walter, Rainses, Faline, Lae & Kerhm appeal to me for mercy, without giving any grounds for it whatsoever—I understand these are very flagrant cases, and that you deem their punishment as being indispensable to the service. If I am not mistaken in this, please let them know at once that their appeal is denied.

A. Lincoln

## Cleveland Visitors Invited To Meetings

Collectors who have an occasion to be in Cleveland on a Friday night have the opportunity of spending an enlightening and pleasant philatelic evening with the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. This group meets each week on that night at the Hollenden Hotel in downtown Cleveland, and they emphasize the fact that visitors are always quite welcome.

The programs for the balance of 1948 reflect well on the efforts of George A. Blizil, chairman. The outstanding collectors, and events which he has lined up for the members, amounts to the program the ordinary club sponsors over a period of three years.

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What are they?

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From ENGLAND, Mr. Garfield writes:

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In the past 3 years I have received countless thousands of letters praising the Pages but did not recall anyone using the phrase "altogether irresistible" so I wrote Rev. Keim asking him if I could use this in a bit of advertising. Back came the answer with a rather delightful added touch:

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To celebrate the first 10 pages I am going to make a special offer. Charter Subscribers get these at \$1.50 each or 7 for \$10.00, so at this rate the first 10 pages would cost \$14.50.

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ABSTRACTS:—Up to now I have been presenting to you a valuation program covering the various positions of all the Plate Nos. issued from the Pony Express to the Swedish Pioneer issue of this year. Interspersed, with these values, you were given newsy tidbits and certain information necessary to aid you in your quest for Plate No. Blocks. There is no question in my mind that this column has helped many on their way to collect, their Plate No. BLOX, fortified with a stronger knowledge of what they must expect when they buy, sell or trade in Plate No. BLOX.

The reception accorded this writer by mail and phone, profuse with felicitations and other goodwill, leads me on to greater efforts. BUT—there is one pertinent factor that I would like to impress on certain parties and this is I will not be cajoled into deviating from my set program.

This column may be mine in physical structure but actually it belongs to it's followers and it is to their will that I bend my efforts and above all this column and its valuation program is dedicated to them.

TIME is plentiful on this earth. Of course there are some who believe that the next person's time belongs to them. You may rest assured that I won't be rushed with my plans. I am going to take my good American time and give you folks all the possible vital data on Plate No. BLOX slowly but surely so that you can have all the time in the world to absorb whatever statistics I give you.

The method, I have been using, is to give you a small group of valuations at a time. If I were to present everything, at once, you would have too much to absorb. There is nothing like the old-fashioned school system whereby you were taught just so much at a time.

RUMORS:—The grape-vine sneaked into my window and a little bird hopped towards me along it with some startling gossip. It seems that there is a good chance that a great deal of the surviving stocks of No. C-33, the small 5c airmail will be overprinted with the new value 6c when THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT. I was given to understand that there are tremendous reserve stocks of this issue, on hand, in the P. O. If this is the case then adventures galore await the Plate No. BLOCK collector.

A dozen warnings can be sounded and besides the possibilities of being able to have certain positions of a Plate No., with or without the over-print, those last Nos. issued for this stamp can well obtain the same rare status that many of it's predecessors have achieved.

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**Woman Wins When Gears Jam On Robot**  
An unidentified woman hit the jackpot on the automatic stamp dispensing machine in the Lakeland, Fla. post office.  
She put a dime in the slot and out rolled five three-cent stamps. Still unbelieving, the woman tried again, and out came five more three-cent stamps for the 10-cent piece.  
Post office officials learned later that the woman then dashed outside and rushed back in a moment or two with a handful of dimes.  
Her luck held at the machine, and she hit the stamp jackpot consistently.  
Post office officials said that when they finally were tipped off, the lady had departed and the automatic machine by that time was \$3.50 short.

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quired. It would be something if the overprint should show up on only three positions of the same Plate No. and the fourth position would not receive the new value. After all this is very probable and an explanation of such an occurrence is given in my column of November 1st.

The little bird, in the form of Mr. Demuth of Brooklyn, N. Y., also cited the chances of two more Plate Nos. for the New York City 5c airmail. This certainly would cut down a bit on my statements of last week when I sort of enhanced on this item as the sleeper of the year 1948. So you see how important it is to keep up with the Joneses. One week we are told that this or that may be the item to acquire and the following week the picture changes.

Well and good but the 5c NYC airmail is still tops with me. SAVE THAT TAIL and I don't mean from that old broken down mule. When you part the Plate No. Block, from the full sheet, tear up a bit into the margin opposite the 3rd row of stamps. At first glance your Plate Block gives the appearance of having a tail but when you finally match up the other three positions won't you be surprised to see how snugly the 4 Blox fit together when their tails meet.

I'll have to shelve my valuations for this week as I have used up quite a lot of space with the above but as I advocated there is no rush and as I promised to present the Famous American Series next you can look forward to a lot of valuations in my next column.

Not so long ago I told you how kind that famous man of Precancels, Mr. Bert Hoover of Goshen, N. Y., was to me and now along comes another famous man of the same family, Mr. N. R. Hoover, who knew me as a pup, and today is a contemporary with me in our mutual specialty. Had a long phone conversation with him and learned plenty. Some day, with his permission, I will pass some of his thoughts on to you.

CONDITION:—An ever increasing thorn in the side of stampdom. Hundreds of versions have been given on this ticklish subject but to this very day none have been satisfactory. Herewith is my personal opinion and in all my future columns I will adhere strictly to the following:—1st Quality:—The design is perfectly centered or bull's eye centering, 2nd Quality:—The design is free of the perforations but is visibly not centered, and 3rd Quality:—The design is cut into by the perforations.

In all instances, 1st, 2nd and 3rd qualities, the margins must be regulation all around with no pencil markings or erasures of same in the margins. Furthermore there must not be any perforation separations, no creases and all must have their original gum.

For the benefit of all interested parties my valuations as set forth in my columns are based on 2nd Quality Plate No. BLOX. This is understandable when you view the majority of plate blox and find that most come under the 2nd Quality type.

Naturally this does not belittle your Plate No. Blox but if you have items that come under 1st Quality then you can add 40 per cent premium to my valuations and conversely if you have material which falls within the 3rd Quality type then you should deduct 40 per cent from the listed values. Keep on pounding your problems at me. I'll always give you a reply.

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Government-owned and operated Highway Post Office Service will be inaugurated between Coffeyville and Wichita, Kans., during the period of November 29 to December 13, 1948, or shortly thereafter.

Special "first-trip" cachets will be provided for each of the above-named cities. The initial trip between Coffeyville and Wichita will be designated "Trip 1"; that between Wichita and Coffeyville will be designated "Trip 2."

Collectors desiring "first-trip" cancellations should send their covers properly prepared, with postage prepaid and ready for mailing, to the Postmaster, Coffeyville for "Trip 1" cancellations and to the Postmaster, Wichita, for "Trip 2" cancellations. A clear space of not less than 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for application of the cachets.

Covers for "first trip" cancellations should be sent under cover to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on cover, authorizing the holding of the covers for the application of the cachet. No provision will be made for point-to-point covers; however, at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

All covers intended for first-trip cancellation should be in the hands of the appropriate postmasters at an early date, and not later than November 27, 1948.

**North Dakotans Resume Twice Monthly Meetings**

North Dakotans in the Grand Forks area interested in stamp collecting have once again resumed their regular stamp club meetings. Banded together as the Grand Forks Philatelic Society the club meets the first and third Wednesdays at the YMCA.

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By Carl P. Rueth

Now comes the time of the year when all of us are in a position to assess the designs and the quality of work which has been expended on the commemoratives for 1948. At this date, I haven't seen the Turner or the Lincoln stamps, and it is still too early for the Harris commem.

Some of the issues which looked good to begin with proved to be failures when they were printed in their chosen colors. Others, which had all the earmarks of flops, made up into pretty nice items. One interesting project for your club some night would be to have all of the 1948 stamps on display, and then choose possibly the first five best designs.

If enough clubs and individuals send their tallies for the five best here, I'll publish the results. I expect to have my own opinion formed in another few weeks, which I will indicate here, and I'm interested in comparing them with what all of you think.

And, I'm interested in seeing how you think on these.

1. Since 1938 there have been nine stamps which have had a map or globe in their design, prominently. Name them.

2. Since 1847 and up to 1938 there have been eight stamps with maps or globes in their designs, prominently. Name them.

One of the most attractive designs of the "Duck" series of stamps was chosen for the current one, released on July 1. To the uninitiated, the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp is the official name. Hunters planning to gun for wild fowl, must have one of these stamps in their possession when on the hunt. Cost is a dollar per stamp.

This year's stamp, the 1948-49 issue depicts a flight of three buffle-head ducks above off-shore waters. The color chosen, a sky blue, lends itself well to the design.

The design was the work of Maynard Reece of the Iowa State Department of History, Des Moines, Iowa where he is the staff artist.

In all the hullabaloo over the new rate for airmail on January 1, it appears as if a possible first day for another item has been overlooked. That of a new 6c airmail envelope hasn't even been discussed as yet from what I can gather. Gosh, maybe we'll have a lot of first days come January!

Latest blows aimed at the artists of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing comes from Detroit where a citizen claims that the sinking of the Dorchester on the Four Chaplains stamp is portrayed inaccurately. The citizen is George L. King, and he says that the Dorchester sank bow first, and not by the stern as depicted on the stamp.

Mr. King ought to know. He was one of the 133 survivors of the sinking! "I know it sank by the bow because that was the end I got off of when it went down," stated King.

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stant death, or who weren't overcome by ammonia fumes perished in a matter of minutes in the frigid North Atlantic waters. The torpedoing occurred off Greenland.

King was a staff sergeant in the Medical Corps enroute to Greenland. He now lives at 849 Coplin in Detroit.

His fellow Detroiters, Harry M. Griest, sent in the story.

Covers this week were from Dallas Pierce with a first day Moina Michael, and Frank L. Carlson with a first day Rogers.

In connection with the latter cover there is quite a story. Frank L. Carlson is a Past Commander of the Authors and Artists Post of the American Legion of Los Angeles and a stamp and cover collector. He has sold and is still trying to sell his Legion District on the merits of supplying stamps and covers to hospitalized veterans in the VA Hospitals.

To date, he has had several Legion Posts sponsor first day covers to collecting veteran convalescents. The present one was sponsored by the Public Health Post, No. 486 of Los Angeles. Mr. Carlson has as his goal the adoption of stamp collecting veterans by Posts all over the United States. He believes that the Legion is the best organization suited to serve these fellow veterans.

Those of you who have put off the purchase of the New York Jubilee 5c airmail commem better get on the ball. Rumors, if you want to believe them, state that this one is nearly out at the Agency. That is entirely possible for there were only 25 million printed, and most of these were poorly centered. The wise money bought up the better centered sheets of stamps where they found them.

The Agency still lists this stamp as being available when this is written, but not in well centered condition.

A 64 year old bachelor postmaster had the time of his life recently when the National Association of Postmasters met in New York City. This popular major domo of one of the smallest mail mills in the nation (eleven persons) at Marshall Pass, Colo., is Gustave A. Latham.

Mr. Latham was the object of attention from all his fellows, and especially from Albert Goldman, New York City's Postmaster, and Postmaster General Donaldson.

Mr. Latham's post office is 10,845 ft. high in the Continental Divide and rather isolated. He blames this factor for his bachelorhood, because he says that no woman he has met is willing to get that high up and that far away from the stores and the movies.

1. The nine are: 3c "Four States," 5c China, 3c Florida Statehood, 5c Roosevelt, 3c Iowa Statehood, 3c Mississippi, 3c Wisconsin, 5c New York Jubilee airmail, 3c Indian Centennial.

2. The eight are: 10c Louisiana Purchase, 5c Aeronautics Conference, 2c Red Cross, 5c Olympic Games, 3c Byrd Perf., 3c Byrd Imperf., 3c Oregon Territorial, 3c Ordinance.

## Booklet Tells How To Collect Profitably

The Chatham Stamp Co. of Chatham, N. J. has just released what is a fairly comprehensive price list of the stamps of the United States. While the company has many of the earlier issues in stock in varying conditions, they only list those stamps of which they have a good stock. These commence with Scott No. 205 and continue to modern times.

All the earlier issues prior to 1923 are priced as mint and used singles. After that year, the issues are priced in plate blocks, and singles mint, and blocks and singles used.

E. W. Spink, the manager of the company has prepared a booklet, "How To Collect Stamps Profitably" in which he purports to tell how to build a collection which will have some reselling value once it has been decided to dispose of it. Cost is 35c.

Bulk of the business of the Chatham company centers in United States stamps, but it also can service collectors with stamps of some foreign nations.

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The low value of the set will carry the portrait of General Ulrich Wille (1848-1925), have a violet color, and be printed by the Postal Administration's plant at Berne. Rotogravure is the process to be used for this value which is to be printed on white rotogravure paper without the mixture of fibers. Karl Bickel of Wallenstadtberg was the designer and engraver. Denomination is 5c. plus 5c.

The remaining three of the set all appear in three colors, and were designed by Hans Fischer of Kunsnacht. Printing was the work of Courvoisier, S. A. who used the rotary heliogravure process on white paper carrying a mixture of red and blue fibers.

A Foxglove with large flowers appears on the 10c. plus 10c. value, colored green, gray and yellow. A rust-leaved Alpine Rose is the subject of the 20c. plus 10c. produced in brown, red and yellow. While on the high value, a 40c. plus 10c. is shown a Lily of Paradise in blue, gray and orange.

Validity of the stamps for postage exists from December 1, 1948 until May 31, 1949. They will be on sale for one month (until December 31) only at all Swiss post offices and at the Philatelic Agency until January 15, 1949.

As usual, collectors can make arrangements for first day covers or for the purchase of these and other Swiss stamps by sending the proper payment in face value by an international money order to the Swiss Agency. Airmail is advised at this date.

Address of the Agency is, Direction General of PTT, Philatelic Agency, Bollwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland.

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ator from Mississippi and later secretary of war, on the camel idea. Davis got Congress to okay the experiment.

Major Wayne went to London and made a thorough study of camels in the zoo there. In 1856 an expedition went to Tunis, Malta, Smyrna, Salonica and Constantinople, studying the camel situation. After a while 77 camels were shipped to Indianola, Tex., near Galveston, and quartered in a permanent camel camp at Val Verde, San Antonio.

Lieut. Edward F. Beale of the Navy, who had been an enthusiastic camel supporter, was chosen to head an expedition across country to test the beasts. Secretary Davis envisioned the camels as solving transportation problems in the West pending construction of railroads. Beale's orders were to try out the camels on a wagon road from Ft. Defiance, N. M., to the Colorado River.

A 19-year-old youth, May Humphreys Stacey, later a Civil War hero, begged permission to go along. Both Stacey and Beale left journals, and these are the main sources of information about the Camel Brigade.

Of his arrival at Ft. Bliss Stacey wrote: "Ft. Bliss is an open post built of adobe. This material makes a very comfortable dwelling in as long as you keep the water out, but the moment it begins to leak your mansion is in danger. The country between San Elizario and Ft. Bliss is very thickly settled; a continuous village, as it were."

Beale noted that he was "kindly received by the officers." He dined with "Mr. McGoffin" (James Wiley McGoffin) and attended a "pleasant party at his home afterwards."

Beale and Stacey agreed that the camels made fine beasts of burden. A camel could carry up to 1250 pounds, and one big hybrid that was seven feet five inches tall carried 2000 pounds. Beale said the camels liked a kind of mesquite—the fornia or screw-bean—and ate both leaves and briars.

Except for minor incidents, the expedition had no trouble with Indians. It reached Bakersfield, Cal., safely. But it was the last as well as the first camel expedition.

The Civil War was a major factor in bringing the experiment to an end. The war took away their best friend, Major Wayne. And Beale was too busy with other duties. Some camels escaped from Val Verde and were captured by Union forces and sent to Iowa. Others were sold at auction in California and at Val Verde. A San Antonio man bought 66 of them at \$31 a head and drove some of them into Mexico. Others were sold to circuses and carnivals. When the railroads came there no longer was a need for camels.

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### Australia Honors Scouts With Commemorative

When the Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree is held at "Yarra Brae" Wonga Park, Victoria, Australia from December 29 to January 9, the scouts will have a postal station for their own special use. The station to be known as the Yarra Brae post office will operate as a separate unit from the Wonga Park office, and will have its own postmark.

On November 15, the Australian Postal Administration released a commemorative stamp to honor the Scout Jamboree. Shown on page 1 of this paper last week, it depicts a waist length portrait of a Scout in uniform with a stand of eucalyptus trees in the lower right background. Denomination of the stamp is 2½d., the color red. It will remain current for a period of two months after which it will be withdrawn from sale.

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The central part of the design is occupied with a profile portrait of the Irish Patriot, Theobald Wolf Tone framed in a wreath of laurel. On the left is depicted one of the insurrectionists armed with a pike standing guard at a campfire, while on the right is shown a man-of-war sailing vessel of the 18th century.

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### Dealer Apprehended By Postal Inspector

Leonard J. Schweitzer of Rutherford, New Jersey was arrested Nov. 3 by Postal Inspector O'Reilly on a charge of using the mails to defraud in operating his stamp collector's business. He was released in \$1,000 bail by U. S. Commissioner Clohosey for Federal Grand Jury action.

The inspector said Schweitzer conducted the Clifton Stamp Co. in Clifton and had used the mails since last May in selling and buying stamps amounting to about \$5,000. O'Reilly said complaints had been received that stamps were not as they were represented, that other orders for stamps were not delivered and that stamps bought by Schweitzer were not paid for.



